

INTERVIEW WITH: MARY JEANETTE FLEMING
702 FREEMAN ST
WINONA, MS

DOB: 10-17-60, SS# [REDACTED]

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PLACE: WINONA POLICE DEPARTMENT
WINONA, MISSISSIPPI

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WINONA POLICE CHIEF

REFERENCE:

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MATTHEWS: Mary if you would ah, I want to talk to you about ah, back on July the 16th, 1996. Ah, I believe you had occasion to be in downtown Winona and ah, dropping your car off for some ah, auto repairs. If you would just start ah, at approximately the time that you left your house that morning and ah, tell us about what ah, what you saw.

FLEMING: Well I left my house at ten minutes till nine, it was on a Tuesday morning, I was taking my car to the shop to have a windshield put in it....so I drove it there and I dropped it off and on my way back home I was walking home up Campbell Street and I met Curtis Flowers going to town and he spoke to me and he said hey good looking how you doing and I said hey, he kept, both of us, he kept walking and I kept walking and I went home.

MATTHEWS: Ok, you were walking in ah, Westerly direction toward your house?

FLEMING: Uh-huh, I was going for home, he was coming back toward town.

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MATTHEWS: Toward town.

FLEMING: Yea.

MATTHEWS: And you've known Curtis for a long time.

FLEMING: Yea.

MATTHEWS: Every since he was ah, ah, child or...

FLEMING: ...no, every since he was grown....

MATTHEWS:grown....

FLEMING:grown, it wasn't, ain't to long, it's just about six or seven years since I'd knowd him.

MATTHEWS: Ok, but you recognize him on sight....

FLEMING: ...yes...

MATTHEWS:you don't have any problem....

FLEMING:no....

MATTHEWS:you know he was...

FLEMING:yes I know him.

MATTHEWS: Ok. Was anybody with him when ah...

FLEMING:he was alone.

MATTHEWS: Ok, was anybody with you at that time?

FLEMING: No.

MATTHEWS: Ok and you had dropped your car off at Weed Brother's...

FLEMING:um-huh...

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MATTHEWS: ...and that's located right behind Tardy Furniture Company and you walked down ah...

FLEMING:well, I took the, come out from Weed and I come for...in audible...on the street where the cleaner's at going ah, then I got on Chase Street and I went to Campbell Street and I met him coming, he was on Campbell Street coming towards, I don't know where he was going, but all I know, he was walking back towards town.

MATTHEWS: Ok, what ah, was he on, on the East side of 51 Highway or the West side? The East side is going to be the town side....

FLEMING:he was on the side, both of us was walking on this sidewalk going on Campbell Street, on the right side....

MATTHEWS:but you know, but this was before you got to Highway 51?

FLEMING: Uh-huh, this was before I got to Highway 51, both of us was on, we met up together on the sidewalk, on the right side.

MATTHEWS: Ok, do you remember what ah, Curtis was wearing that day?

FLEMING: He was wearing some, I think some black pants, white shirt, like I say, it was a jacket kinda this color, but it was purple like all over, kinda like a baseball jacket or something. He was dressed, you know, kinda dressy like.

MATTHEWS: And this was on the morning of July the 16th.

FLEMING: Ah, yea, I know it was on a Tuesday...in audible...

MATTHEWS: Chief, do you have anything to add?

HARTGROVE: No.

MATTHEWS: This completes the interview with ah, Mary Jeanette Fleming, the time is 11:13.